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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members, I'll be very brief because Senator Kremer made some good points, and I belong both to the Cattlemen and the Pork Producers, but I want you to know what I'm saying is on my own, Senator Landis. I was not involved in the back of this bill. But it made sense to me because I believe it doesn't hurt to have a central repository across the state for zoning regulations. I have a bill in, if you know, to mandate zoning by 2004. I believe that if Nebraska is to move forward to get counties thinking ahead, looking where they need to go, that it doesn't hurt to have the zoning regulations filed. NACO, for example, is considered as a repository, but I think the average citizen would feel uncomfortable calling a county officials association for this kind of information. I think they'd be much more comfortable calling the Secretary of State, for example. And I think as companies, whether they be livestock or not, and I hate it that livestock has been the central issue of zoning across the state because I think all companies, if they relocate to Nebraska or move outstate in Nebraska, Senator Matzke has a bill this afternoon to seek value-added encouragement, that they are going to want to look at something, scan, scan, if you will, to see what kind of zoning regulations are out there, they are going to want to know if they are welcome out there or not in many cases. Are there industrial sites? Are there commercial sites? Whatever. Zoning, itself, zoning regulations will tell some of these things, not everything, because I realize the comprehensive plan is the bigger issue. That is not what is to be filed here, it's the zoning regulations. So I really ask the question, why not? For five or seven thousand dollars, which is the estimate on the fiscal note, and I, too, agree that it should go away once they are posted. And if counties want to update them, keep them updated, they can, but the initial cost is not that great, and it should go down. So I really say, why not? Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I call the question on the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: The question has been called. Do I see three...five hands? I do. The question is called. The